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No Travel Advisory lifted in extreme northwest corner of N.D.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has lifted the **No Travel Advisory** that was issued last night for the extreme northwest corner of North Dakota in the Crosby, Fortuna and surrounding areas.

A **Travel Alert** remains in effect for the central and western regions of North Dakota due to gusty winds that are causing blowing and drifting snow. The snow may cause hazardous driving conditions with reduced visibility on the roadways. Motorists should be aware of blowing and drifting snow, especially near structures and sheltered areas. The Travel Alert includes Williston, Dickinson, Bismarck, Minot and surrounding areas. Motorists are cautioned to be alert to changing conditions.

Please be advised that information on 511 is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CST. The 511 road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported. Motorists are cautioned to be alert to changing conditions.

All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: www.511.nd.gov for road and weather conditions.

Travel Alerts - are issued to alert motorists that areas of challenging winter driving conditions may be encountered. Conditions are such that motorists can still travel; however, they should be aware that rapidly changing conditions may result in travel delays due to reduced speeds and visibility.

No Travel Advisories - are issued when conditions warrant no travel but not a road closure. No Travel Advisories have the potential to change to a Road Closure if conditions deteriorate. No Travel Advisories are issued for public safety to encourage motorists not to venture out onto the roads. Motorists are urged to take No Travel Advisories seriously. Conditions change often during a storm event and motorists may become stranded if they are caught between destinations.